

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**SB 2304 - HB 2678**

February 5, 2000

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Adds mulch production and processing facilities to those solid waste processing facilities throughout the state for which the Department of Environment and Conservation currently supervise construction. Authorizes the commissioner to investigate such facilities as often as deemed necessary.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$110,500 Recurring  
\$6,600 One-Time**

**Increase State Revenues - \$300,000 FY00-01  
\$200,000 FY01-02 and Thereafter**

**Increase Local Govt. Expenditures\* - Exceeds \$100,000**

Estimate assumes:

- An increase in expenditures to the Department of Environment and Conservation for four Environmental Specialists III positions and related expenses to administer the bill. The Department of Environment and Conservation indicates bill will require inspection and permitting of such facilities under the Solid Waste Disposal Act.
- An increase in state revenues from an estimated 100 mulching units that will come under the permitting requirements of the Solid Waste Disposal Act. Fees include a \$1,000 permitting fee and a \$2,000 annual maintenance fee.
- Many such facilities are operated by counties and would be subject to the inspections and permit fees resulting in an increase in local government expenditures.

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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